

Attorney Docket # 4780-21

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Jörg HEIN et al.

Serial No.: N/A

Filed: Concurrently

For: Connecting Element for Hollow Sections of
Different Cross-Section

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of
the present application, please amend said application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 2, insert **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**